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### Tennessee Milk Production Down 4 Percent

**Tennessee Milk Production:** January-March 2006 quarterly production of milk was 284 million pounds, down 4 percent from the January-March period in 2005. The average number of milk cows was 69,000 head, 3,000 head less than the same period a year earlier. October-December 2005 quarterly production of milk, at 257 million pounds, was down 5 percent from the October-December period in 2004. The average number of milk cows for the October-December quarter was 69,000 head, 3,000 less than a year earlier.

#### Milk Cows and Production: Selected States and United States, Preliminary January-March, 2005-2006

State	Jan-Mar Milk Cows <sup>1</sup>		Jan-Mar Milk Production <sup>2</sup>		Change from 2005
	2005	2006	2005	2006	
	1,000 Head		Million Pounds		Percent
Alabama	16	14	64	61	-4.7
Arkansas	23	21	77	71	-7.8
Georgia	83	78	379	379	0.0
Kentucky	109	101	352	348	-1.1
Mississippi	26	23	109	97	-11.0
Missouri	118	114	468	487	4.1
North Carolina	55	52	260	249	-4.2
<b>Tennessee</b>	72	69	295	284	-3.7
Virginia	105	103	452	462	2.2
United States	9,002	9,093	43,350	45,521	5.0

<sup>1</sup> Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. <sup>2</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves.

**United States:** Milk production in the 23 major States during March totaled 14.6 billion pounds, up 5.5 percent from March 2005. February revised production, at 13.0 billion pounds, was up 5.9 percent from February 2005. The February revision represented a decrease of 7 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,773 pounds for March, 66 pounds above March 2005.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.22 million head, 124,000 head more than March 2005, and 17,000 head more than February 2006.

**U.S. January- March Milk Production:** Milk production in the U.S. during the January - March quarter totaled 45.5 billion pounds, up 5.0 percent from the January - March quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.09 million head, 91,000 head more than the same period last year.

**Young Chickens Slaughtered: Number, Live Weight, Average Live Weight, Pounds Certified, and Post-Mortem  
Condemnations, by Month and Annual Total, Tennessee, 2005**

Month	Number Slaughtered	Live Weight	Average Live Weight	Pounds Certified <sup>1</sup>	Post-Mortem Condemnations	
					NY Dressed Weight	Percent <sup>2</sup>
	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	Pounds	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Pounds	Percent
Jan	20,251	107,789	5.32	79,155	951	0.98
Feb	17,904	92,976	5.19	68,294	825	0.99
Mar	22,244	113,178	5.09	82,665	1,168	1.15
Apr	20,584	104,279	5.07	76,252	1,021	1.09
May	23,028	116,802	5.07	85,107	1,153	1.10
Jun	23,376	116,727	4.99	85,561	988	0.94
Jul	21,838	107,932	4.94	78,523	886	0.91
Aug	23,817	117,560	4.94	85,734	910	0.86
Sep	22,671	117,798	5.20	85,656	1,101	1.04
Oct	23,273	118,202	5.08	85,948	1,114	1.05
Nov	21,693	112,165	5.17	81,839	1,045	1.04
Dec	22,361	112,901	5.05	82,304	1,151	1.13
Total	263,040	1,338,309	5.10	977,038	12,313	1.02

<sup>1</sup> Total chilled and frozen pounds certified, ready-to-cook weights. <sup>2</sup> Pounds condemned as a percent of N.Y. dressed weight inspected.

**Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Selected States  
and United States, During March 2005 and 2006**

Selected States	Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 or more		All Layers <sup>1</sup>		Eggs per 100 for All Layers <sup>1</sup>	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	Thousands			Number		
Alabama	1,763	1,711	9,117	8,858	1,974	1,930
Arkansas	4,225	4,303	14,924	14,651	1,963	1,925
Georgia	10,951	9,897	20,335	19,237	2,100	2,116
North Carolina	3,296	3,350	10,997	11,081	1,973	2,003
All Other States <sup>2</sup>	261,085	266,441	291,586	296,258	2,271	2,280
United States	281,320	285,702	346,959	350,085	2,230	2,239

<sup>1</sup> Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size. <sup>2</sup> Tennessee included in other states.

**Livestock Slaughter<sup>1</sup>: Tennessee & United States, March 2005 and 2006**

Species	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
<b>Tennessee</b>						
Cattle	1.3	1.4	1,216	1,306	935	942
Calves	0.1	0.1	74	36	507	431
Hogs	58.0	54.2	27,797	26,256	479	484
Sheep & lambs	0.7	0.9	63	70	88	75
<b>United States</b>						
Cattle	2,725.1	2,852.4	3,369,749	3,630,357	1,237	1,273
Calves	68.0	59.2	22,300	21,886	328	370
Hogs	8,949.7	9,234.1	2,423,674	2,510,925	271	272
Sheep & lambs	280.1	249.7	38,819	36,327	139	145

<sup>1</sup> Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter (excludes farm slaughter).

**Number of Livestock Slaughtering Establishments: Tennessee, January 1, 1997 - 2006**

Year	Under Federal Inspection	Custom Plants	Total
1997	27	23	50
1998	27	23	50
1999	25	23	48
2000	22	15	37
2001	23	15	38
2002	20	17	37
2003	21	14	35
2004	22	11	33
2005	22	9	31
2006	19	8	27

**Red Meat Production: By Month, Tennessee, 1996 - 2005<sup>1</sup>**

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total <sup>2</sup>
Million Pounds													
1996	18.0	15.7	15.9	16.2	16.6	15.2	15.2	15.0	17.1	19.0	19.7	18.8	202.4
1997	18.4	15.4	15.7	17.6	16.1	15.2	16.1	16.2	19.0	19.8	18.9	21.9	210.3
1998	18.3	15.9	18.6	18.0	16.4	15.7	18.6	18.5	18.5	22.3	22.2	22.0	225.0
1999	20.2	16.4	21.8	19.1	17.3	18.2	17.6	21.1	20.6	19.1	20.2	21.0	232.7
2000	21.5	21.0	20.9	15.9	19.1	17.4	17.1	21.3	19.8	19.9	20.7	19.3	233.9
2001	22.7	16.6	18.5	17.4	17.8	15.5	17.2	18.1	18.3	23.6	20.8	20.2	226.9
2002	20.2	15.8	16.2	17.8	18.4	17.7	17.3	20.3	19.6	23.1	20.7	20.5	227.6
2003	20.8	16.2	19.6	18.9	16.0	15.6	21.1	18.4	22.0	25.1	19.1	20.0	232.9
2004	20.2	19.7	22.4	16.6	12.4	17.9	16.3	17.8	18.8	18.3	19.5	22.1	222.1
2005	18.1	15.7	19.2	12.6	15.9	16.9	13.2	18.3	20.8	21.5	21.0	22.5	215.6

<sup>1</sup>Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton, excluding farm slaughter. <sup>2</sup> Totals may not add due to rounding.

**Commercial Slaughter: By Species, Number of Head by Month, Tennessee, 2005<sup>1</sup>**

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
1,000 Head													
Cattle	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.4	14.9
Calves	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	1.3
Hogs	53.7	46.7	58.0	37.4	47.1	50.5	39.4	54.6	62.2	64.7	63.2	66.9	644.4
Sheep	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.8	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.9	10.6

<sup>1</sup>Includes slaughter in federally inspected and in other slaughter plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

**Federally Inspected Plants and Head Slaughtered: Number by Species, State, and United States, 2005<sup>1</sup>**

State	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep		Goats	
	Plants	Head	Plants	Head	Plants	Head	Plants	Head	Plants	Head
	Number	1,000	Number	1,000	Number	1,000	Number	1,000	Number	1,000
Tennessee	13	11.2	3	1.2	18	642.9	10	10.5	10	29.7
U.S.	657	31,831.6	227	717.7	630	102,518.9	496	2,554.6	371	566.2

<sup>1</sup>Includes data from week ending Jan. 8, 2005 through Dec. 31, 2005.

## **Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program**

Governor Bredesen's third fiscally responsible, balanced budget marks an unprecedented investment of more than \$5 million dollars for agricultural revitalization. Supported by the General Assembly, these dollars are being used to build new opportunities in rural communities in Tennessee, including those hardest hit by the decline of tobacco.

The department is using these funds to bolster agriculture in three key areas:

**Cattle Improvement Initiative:** Cattle represent the largest contributor and the greatest opportunity for increasing farm income. The department is working with producers to improve the marketability of their livestock by developing a series of incentives and cost-share programs for genetic improvement and better management.

For more information contact the Cattle Improvement Initiative Coordinator at (615) 837-5304 or by e-mail at [Cattle.Improvement@state.tn.us](mailto:Cattle.Improvement@state.tn.us).

Through the **Ag Growth Initiative**, the department is expanding its current promotions of agri-tourism, organics, fruits and vegetables, value-added products, horticultural products, grapes and other specialty crops to help spur farm diversification and innovation.

For more information about the Ag Growth Initiative, contact the Agricultural Growth Initiative Coordinator at (615) 837-5346 or by e-mail at [Ag.Growth@state.tn.us](mailto:Ag.Growth@state.tn.us).

A portion of these dollars are being used in the **Animal Health Initiative** to help fully integrate Tennessee into the USDA National Animal Identification System to enable 48-hour traceback of any diseased or exposed livestock. Cost share funds are available to charter livestock markets and to equine owners to help transition to an animal tracking system. And, the department is partnering with key educational institutions to expand animal disease diagnostic capabilities regionally. These programs work together to not only safeguard livestock health but to help ensure producer access to markets in the future.

For more information about the Animal Health Initiative, contact the State Veterinarian's Office at (615) 837-5120 or by e-mail at [tnpremises.id@state.tn.us](mailto:tnpremises.id@state.tn.us). For more information about any of these programs, you can also visit <http://www.state.tn.us/agriculture/enhancement/index.html>.